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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing an angled conductor electrical connector comprising steps of:

extruding a metal member having a channel therein;

removing a portion of the metal member at a middle section of the metal member after the metal member has been extruded; and

bending the metal member about the middle section after the portion has been removed from the middle section such that the channel forms two angled conductor receiving areas, each conductor receiving area having a channel axis angled relative to each other, wherein the reduced size of the middle section allows easier bending about the middle section.

12. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the step of extruding a metal member forms the metal member with a general cross sectional C shape.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the step of extruding a metal member forms the metal member with an elongate slot along a side into the channel.

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14. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 11 ~~further comprising wherein removing a portion of the metal member at a middle section comprises removing top and bottom portions of a the middle section of the metal member, and the step of bending comprises bending the metal member at the middle section.~~

15. (Original) A method as in claim 14 wherein the step of bending the metal member comprises bending the metal member about 90 degrees.

16. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 11 wherein the step of bending the metal member comprises bending the metal member ~~at least~~ to a final bent position of about 45 degrees.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing an angled conductor electrical connector comprising steps of:

extruding a metal member having a channel therein, wherein the metal member is extruded with a general cross sectional C shape;

removing a portion of the metal member at a middle section of the metal member after the metal member has been extruded; and

bending the metal member about the middle section after the portion has been removed from the middle section such that the channel forms two angled conductor receiving areas, each conductor receiving area having a channel axis angled relative to each other, wherein the reduced

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size of the middle section allows easier bending about the middle section.

21. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 20 ~~further comprising wherein removing a portion of the metal member at a middle section comprises removing top and bottom portions of a the middle section of the metal member, and the step of bending comprises bending the metal member at the middle section.~~

22. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 21 wherein the step of bending the metal member comprises bending the metal member about 90 degrees.

23. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 20 wherein the step of bending the metal member comprises bending the metal member at least 45 degrees.

24. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing an angled conductor electrical connector comprising steps of:

extruding a metal member having a channel therein;

removing two spaced portions of a middle section of the metal member after the metal member is extruded; and

bending the metal member about the middle section after the portions have been removed from the middle section such that the channel forms two angled conductor receiving areas, each conductor receiving area having a channel axis angled relative to each other; ~~and~~

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~~removing portions of a middle section of the metal member,~~

wherein the step of bending comprises bending the metal member at the middle section.

25. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 24 wherein the step of extruding a metal member forms the metal member with a general cross sectional C shape.

26. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 24 wherein the step of extruding a metal member forms the metal member with an elongate slot along a side into the channel.

27. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 24 wherein the step of bending the metal member comprises bending the metal member about 90 degrees.

28. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 24 wherein the step of bending the metal member comprises bending the metal member at least 45 degrees.